AN

ABSTRACT

OF A

Brief Discovery

OF THE

TRUE MOTHER

of the PRETENDED

Prince of Wales

Known by the NAME of

Mary Grey.

By a Gentleman, *who ſometime ago belonged to the* Retinue *of the late* Queen *in* France.

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An Abſtract, &c.

THE Counteſs of *Tyrconnel*, Famous for her *Bigotry* to the *Romiſh Cauſe*, came over from *Ireland* to *England* in the *Monmouth* Yatch, Capt. *Wright* Commander, in the Year, 1688. and beſides her own Daughters and Retinue, brought over two Gentlewomen both big with Child; one of which was a Tall Luſty Woman, of about 30 Years of Age, and the other a Tall Slender Woman dark Hair'd and Aged about 20 Years: The firſt of theſe was brought to Bed at St *Albans* in the way to *London*; and the ſecond, whoſe name was Mrs. *Grey*, was Lodg'd in St. *James*'s Palace, where ſhe had Private Rooms aſſigned, in or near, the Lady *Stricklands* Lodgings in the narrow *Gallery*, between the *Queens* Appartment, and the great *Chappel*.

In theſe Lodgings, that young Gentlewoman was delivered on *Sunday* Morning, the 10*th*. of *June*; the ſame day, and but a very ſhort time before the late *Queen* pretended to be Delivered of a *Prince of Wales*, and about the end of *June*, ſhe was removed from thoſe Lodgings to the *Marchioneſs* of *Powes*'s Appartment, in the ſame *Gallery*: ſhe being then appointed *Governeſs* of the Pretended *Prince of Wales*, and to that Lady's Cuſtody was Mrs. *Grey* Committed.

At which time one Mr. *Fuller* was in the ſaid *Marchioneſs*'s Family, and dayly attended the ſaid young Gentlewoman, ſupplying her with all neceſſaries, during her ſtay at St. *James*'s; in which time ſhe was Rarely viſited by any, except the ſaid *Marchioneſs*, ſeldom deſirous to ſtir out of her Lodgings, except to viſit the young *Prince*, to which ſhe expreſt a particular Zeal and Delight and of whom ſhe appeared extreamly fond; and when permitted to take him in her Arms: her Embraces ſeened to be more than ordinary Tender and Paſſionate.

About the middle of *July* following, ſhe was orored by Authority to be Tranſported to *France*, and one Father *Sabran*, Mr. *Fuller*, and Mrs. *Jones* ordred to attend her to *Dover*; at which ſhe ſeemed mightily Concerned all the way thither, having before ſhe took her leave of the Court deſir'd to pay her Laſt duty to the *Queen*, and was obſerved to ſhed Tears in Abundance at taking her Farewell of that Young *Prince*.

She was met at *Dover*, by one Father *Grey*, Secular *Iriſh* Prieſt; who pretended to be her Brother, with whom ſhe Embarq'd for *Callis*, in order to be Convey'd to the Convent of the *Benedictine* Nuns in *Paris*.

The Winter following, the happy Revolution in this Kingdom, Mr. *Fuller* being then preferred to the late *Queens* Service in *France*, by the Procurement of his great Friend the *Marchioneſs* of

Powis.

Ferris, in whom the late *Queen* repos'd a particular Truſt and Confidence upon the Character ſhe had received of him from the ſaid *Marchioneſs*. He being at St. *Germains* in *February*, 1689. was one *Sunday* night ordered to attend the *Queen* imediately; who was reported to be Indiſpoſed, (as it ſeems, with a *Fright*, Obliged her to keep her Chamber) where the ſaid Mr. *Fuller* attending, was told by Her Majeſty that he muſt imediately prepare to go for *England* with Letters to the Lord *Montgomery* and others, about Extraordinary Buſineſs, and at giving him the Letters told him, That it was a matter that nearly concerned the late King and her Self, and that for fear he ſhould be Searcht before his Landing, and obliged to fling his Letters into the Sea; She thought fit to give him a *Ring*, which he was to deliver to the Lord *Mongomery* in *England* by way of Credentials for what he had to ſay by word of Mouth upon any unfortunate Miſcarriage of the ſaid Letters: And thereupon to tell him,

"That the ſame Woman which came from *Ire-*
"*land* with the Lady *Tirconel* in *May*, 1688. was
"Stoln out of the *Nunnery* in *Paris*, where ſhe was
"kept, (there having been a breach made in the
"*Garden Walls*) and that it was the Opinion of
"the *French Court*, that ſhe had been Aſſiſted by
"ſome of the *Prince* of *Orange*'s Friends in *Paris*,
"to make her eſcape from thence, in Order to
"come for *England*. The late *Queen* alſo further

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" Coumanded Mr. *Fuller* to tell his Lordihip.

" That the *French* King had taken all possible " care to prevent her going off; but least his en " deavour, should be Frusterated, it was her de " sire, that the said Lord *Mongomery* and others, " should take care to place People on the Coas " of *England*, to inform themselves when th " Landed; and then they were to be possitivel " Commanded to get her dispatcht, to prevent " what ever deign she might pretend to.

And by the way, this plain discovery of th late *Queens* Zeal for her apprehension and dis patch, sufficiently proves the fear she was in o that Poor Womans escape; and so Zealous wa she for executing the Vengeance she had designe upon her: That for fear of a Miscarriage of he Commands in Black and White, she trusted hir with some part of that Bloody Commission.

This was the Contents of that *Queens* Letter and Verbal Message sent by Mr. *Fuller*, she also gave him another Letter to carry to Father *Petre* who by the *French* Kings Order, was Constrain ed to live privately at *Albeville*, a Citty betwee *Paris* and *Callais*; where he stayed Six Hours be fore he could meet with Father *Petre* to give hir the *Queens* Letters, which required him to go t St. *Omers* to observe whether the Woman woul come that way, in order for her Embarquing for *England*.

But just before he came to his Inn, Mr. *Crane* Gent'le-

Gentleman-Uſher to the late *Queen*, came to order him to return back to St. *Germains* again, where they arriv'd the next night; and then Waiting on the late *Queen*, ſhe Pleaſantly told Mr. *Fuller*, *That the loſt Sheep was found at a Private Houſe in* Paris; and as he afterwards underſtood, was reconducted to the ſame *Nunnery*, and put under the care of the Counteſs of *Suſſex* and ſome of hers.

But the day following, Father *Sabran* being to go in one of her Majeſties *Coaches* to *Paris*, in order to bring the Counteſs of *Suſſex* with the Woman to St *Germains*, the *Queen* ordered Mr. *Fuller* to attend Father *Sabran* in the *Coach*, which he did; and coming next day to the *Nunnery*, they continued there about an Hour and a half, and then the Counteſs of *Suſſex*, Father *Sabran*, and Mr. *Fuller* returned with the Woman to St. *Germains*, where ſhe was Conveyed privately to the *Queens* Back-ſtairs by Father *Sabran*, whileſt Mr. *Fuller* attended the Counteſs of *Suſſex*, who went in to acquaint the *Queen* that the Woman was come; after which, by the *Queens* Orders, Mr. *Fuller* went to the Back-ſtairs to Convey the Woman to the *Queen* in her Bed Chamber, where ſhe talk't with the *Queen*, the Lady *Powis*, and the Counteſs of *Suſſex* above an Hour, and was afterwards conveyed down the Back-ſtairs and croſs the Gallery under the *Prince of Wales* Lodgings, to a private apartment belonging to the Lady *Powis*, where ſhe Continnued a day or two.

After which the late *Queen* with the whole Court going to viſit the *French* King at *Marli*, the ſaid Woman with the Counteſs of *Suſſex*, Father *Sabran*, and Mr. *Fuller* went in the *Princes* Coach with Six *Horſes* to the ſame place, and were conducted to a Chamber belong-

longing to the *Arch Bishop* of *Paris*, were they continued about half an Hour; whilest the Countess of *Sussex* went Publickly to wait on the *French* King, and the late *Queen*.

A short time after, the Woman, Father *Sabran*, and Mr. *Fuller*, were Conducted by one of the *Arch-Bishops Chaplains* privately to the *French* Kings Back-stairs the Woman all the while lamenting exceedingly at her hard Fate, which she said was occasioned *By her last being in* England; she grieved to that excess, that she Fainted several times before they could get her up the Stairs to the *French* Kings Apparment, to which she was Conducted by a *Jesuit*, and continued about half an hour with the *French* King and the late *Queen*. During which time, Mr. *Fuller* and Father *Sabran* waited at the bottom of the Stairs, till she came down abain with the *Jesuite* that Conveyd her up; at which time she wept bitterly, and told Father *Sabran That now she must take her Everlasting Farewel of us*: And so was Carried away by the *Jesuit*, and never more seen or heard of.

Mr. *Fuller*, who was sensibly toucht with the Misfortune of the poor Woman, Inquired very diligently after her, in all the *English*, *Scotch*, and *Irish* Nunneries in *Paris*, and other Places where he had great acquaintance, out of Curiosity to Learn, if possibly the Fate of that unfortunate Gentlewoman; but he might have spared himself that needless trouble, since Father *Sabran* who was *Chaplain* to the young *Prince* and is now his *Tutor*, franckly told him the same Evening that he left her *That he believed she would not be live the day following, nor was it fit she should Live*; and therefore might have rested satisfied with that answer which withoutall doubt had too much Truth in

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